

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action mailed February 26, 2008. The status of the application is as follows:

- Claims 1-20 are pending, claims 1-9 and 11-17 are allowed, claims 10 and 18-20 are rejected, and claim 10 has been amended; and
- Claims 10 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The rejection is discussed below.

#### **The Allowed Claims**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the arguments set forth in the Amendment filed on November 29, 2007 were fully considered and found to be persuasive with respect to claims 1-9 and 11-17.

#### **The Rejection of Claims 10 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph**

Claims 10 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Office notes two antecedent basis informalities in claim 10 and rejects claims 18-20 by virtue of their dependence on claim 10. This rejection should be withdrawn as claim 10 has been amended herein to cure the two antecedent basis informalities.

The Examiner is also thanked for indicating that claims 10 and 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 30 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In light of the above-noted amendment to claim 10, it is believed that claims 10 and 18-20 are now allowable.

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**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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